

REMARKS

Claims 1-55 are pending prior to entering this amendment. The examiner rejects claims 1-55 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Agestam, et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,512,885). Applicants cancel claims 1-55 and add claims 56-82. Claims 56-82 remain after entering this amendment. Applicants add no new matter and request reconsideration.

Claim Rejections – USC § 102

The examiner rejects claims 1-55 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Agestam. Applicants cancel claims 1-55, which obviates the examiner's rejection.

Applicants add claims 56-82, which are novel and non-obvious over the prior art of record. These claims include a definition of a desired group that specifically includes a first group and specifically excludes a second group from the desired group. For instance, claim 56 recites *electronically receiving a definition of a desired group, where the definition of the desired group specifies that the first group is to be included in the desired group and the second group is to be excluded from the desired group.* Claims 63, 70, and 77 recite similar limitations.

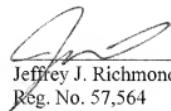
There is no disclosure in Agestam of any definition of a Closed User Group (CUG) that specifically includes or excludes other CUGs. See Agestam, Figures 1-2 and there corresponding portions of the specification. Put differently, Agestam does not teach or suggest defining a new Closed User Group (CUG) that specifically includes one or more existing CUGs and specifically excludes other existing CUGs from the new CUG. Agestam further does not teach or suggest receiving any of the group definitions, much less the definition of the desired group that specifies which groups to include or exclude from the desired group. Since Agestam does not teach or suggest these and other limitations in the added claims, applicants request that all of the claims be allowed to issue.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of all claims of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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